

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

## General Business Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2023

### OFFICERS

<u>E</u> Chaplain	Fr. Dan Kogut
_ Grand Knight	Gerard Gonos
_ Deputy Grd Knight	Mike Aulette
<u>E</u> Chancellor	Rick Meyer
_ Recorder	Paul Cassar
_ Financial Secretary	Rod Forman
_ Treasurer	Dave Esser
_ Lecturer	Vacant
_ Advocate	Dale Pepper
_ Warden	Todd Darling
_ Inside Guard	Tony O'Branovic
<u>E</u> Outside Guard	Tim Rolling
<u>E</u> Trustee (3 yr)	Clint Bonkowski
_ Trustee (2 yr)	John Korneder
<u>E</u> Trustee (1 yr)	Andrew Weisel

### DIRECTORS

<b>Program</b>	Andy Weisel
<b>Faith</b>	Dcn. Thomas Rea
<b>Vocations</b>	Dcn. Dan Hall
<b>Community</b>	Tim Rolling
<b>Life</b>	Rod Forman
<b>Health</b>	Dale Pepper
<b>Family</b>	Todd Darling
<b>Youth</b>	John Korneder
<b>Membership</b>	Mike Aulette
<b>Retention</b>	Dave Esser
<b>Council</b>	Phil Meilak
<b>Field Agent</b>	Patrick Arndt
<b>District Deputy</b>	John Yanok

E = Excused

X = Absent

## *Pending Membership Approval*

Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Gerard Gonos

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Br. Dave Esser

- General Fund \$ [REDACTED]
- Kans for Kids \$ [REDACTED]

Deposits Tonight – N/A

Bills Paid Tonight -

NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT
Patrick Arndt	Bulletin Ad	\$ [REDACTED]
Unbound	Sponsor 5 children at \$432/ea	\$ [REDACTED]
Pregnancy Help Clinic	Mother's Day Collection	\$ [REDACTED]
Dave Esser	Golf Prizes	\$ [REDACTED]

**Grand Knight:** Gerard Gonos

- Thanked the council for all the support and achievements over the last two years of being the Grand Knight

**Deputy Grand Knight / Membership Director:** Mike Aulette

- Bob Phipps is trying to scale back from the Men's club, there may be more to come out of that (i.e., what will become of the fish fry and breakfasts)

**Financial Secretary: Rod Forman**

- Roster has been finalized (including transfer) we're still listed as Star council
- \$579 net profit from school dances – proposal to donate \$600 to the school
  - o Decided to reach out to the principle to get a “wish list” to get ideas for where to donate
- Need to finalize the calendar and dates for next year

**Golf Outing: Dave Esser**

- Met with the Golf committee last Thursday
- 31 teams shown interest; 15 have paid, will follow up for payments
- 30 Sponsors so far for \$6,200 (did \$8,500 last year) – please reach out to local businesses, flyers are in the Knights room
- Registration is going to change a bit – will ask for email and cell phone
- Will cancel skins (hassle and point of contention in the past); people can pay for mulligans instead
- Auction prizes are really good this year; trips, tires, mulch, etc...
- Todd Jr will run the betting hole
- Playing card hole will be hole 17 to raise additional funds
- Also have longest drive and closest to the pin planned
- Jonna's will provide food for the 19<sup>th</sup> hole

**Community Director: Dale Pepper**

- Blood drive is July 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-6, could use a few Knights before (10:30am) and after (6:30pm) to set up and clean up

**District Deputy: John Yanok**

- Thank you so much for your support as recognized by the state (and Golden Knight award)
- Highlights from State Convention
  - o Incentives cash back for new members; \$20 for each member in July, \$15 for each member in August, and \$10 for each in Sept, double incentives for e-members
  - o State deputy emphasized having fun within your Councils
  - o Supreme is looking to become more and more digital with all form submissions
- Please schedule at date for the installation of officers
- Lansing Diocese meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit in Brighton
- Schedule an exemplification soon for new members in July
- Ann Arbor VA is open, and volunteers are welcome; Bingo happened last month and will happen 4 times a year
  - o Looking for volunteers for the Compassionate Contact Core to contact veterans / reach out once a week so that they don't feel forgotten – please reach out to John if you can help
- Next Fourth degree exemplification is in Kalamazoo
- Identified a potential need (not-Knights related) for younger single Catholic men & women to get together with common faith interests to foster relationships – if there is enough interest, could organize but not oversee

**Field Agent: Patrick Arndt**

- Looking for additional field agents as Pat is moving up to General Agent (will still support the area)
- Congrats on Star council!
- Provided some insight into good and bad situations that came up recently in regard to the importance of being set up in the case of unfortunate circumstances

**Unfinished Business: N/A**

- Reviewed 2023 Budget and Kans4Kids account inflows and outflows
  - o Agreed to only send one Knight to the State convention (along with Fr. if he'd like to attend)
  - o Suggestions to think about, VA hospital donations/ Fourth Degree
  - o Motion to approve the budget as read (UNA)

**New Business:**

- Suggested Planning meeting topic – look into and discuss potential investments for our reserve funds
- Idea to face the Tabernacle for opening and closing prayers (as opposed to either hanging crucifix on the walls)

**Sick and Prayer List:** TBD

**Rest of the Souls:** TBD

**Knight of the Month:** All new Officers for stepping up in the council

**Family of the Month:** Bob and Cathy Phipps for their efforts at Dcn Kevin & Jackie's going away dinner

**Closing Prayer:** Gerard Gonos

**Meeting Closed:** 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar